

FORMULA MEETING MINUTES

09-07-07

10:00 am

Present – Deana McMurray, Khadijah Muhammad, Lisa Cottingham, Ralph Watson, Angie Hensley, Bernie Iszler, Dawnelle Brown (for Sheriff Harmon), Aaron Garner, Jeff Hobson, Jon Kuss, Tina Williams, Deana Oware, Ken Scheele (for Sheila Hudson), Kevin Jones

Not present – Brad Barnes, Diane Mains, Tim Brown, and Tonya Gaby

Introductions

Minutes of previous meeting approved

Sentencing policy report:

Briefly discussed policy report and Formula revisions. Sheila Hudson will report at next meeting.

Statutory revisions:

Discussed edited copy of Administrative Code. Committee to review after meeting and provide suggested changes to CC Admin Assistant

Discussed Community Corrections draft copy. Committee to review after meeting and provide suggested changes to CC Admin Assistant

It was noted during the meeting that if changes are made to one statute, it affects the language in other statutes.

A suggestion was made to date stamp revised draft copies in the future to avoid confusing one draft from the next.

DOC Formula Flow Chart draft created based on options submitted by Committee Members.
Discussed:

- Pros and cons of using census population information
- Court filings including Probation and CC violations
- Level of funding actually received
 - Per diem
 - Number of offenders served
 - Outcomes
 - Offender types
 - Matching funds
 - DOC commitments
 - Decide how to weight remaining issues
 - Recidivism rate
 - Successful completions

- Reduction in risk
- Project income
- Local dollars
- Other grants

Jim Diller, from Office of Court Administrators, may be valuable addition to committee. He will be providing data.

Discussed terminology, i.e., successful completion – means different things to different people. Need to clarify/define terms used.

Discussed categories and measurement formulas on allocation spreadsheet vs. Formula Flow Chart. Need to agree on common verbiage and determine how to measure program results.

Discussed need to get change in Admin Code in synch with CC Funding Statute as opposed to doing one first and then the other.

Aaron Garner commented that without using SSNs, tracking of recidivism cannot be accomplished, especially from county to county.

Discussed roll-out of new public domain testing instrument software program from Ohio – only cost incurred will be to train users.

Discussed tracking offenders at intake and release. Population who are involved in programs for a short term could possibly be tracked separately.

Deana Oware commented on public relations aspect of implementing changes in statutes, specificity of language used in changes, being consistent with measurements, and allowing people the opportunity to adjust to new programs.

Lisa Cottingham commented on using general enough language in statute so that it applies in years to come and not have to be changed again. Her suggestion is that the Flow Chart is too specific to implement in the statute.

CTP Funds

Discussed how counties handle CTP funds differently based on program needs and inability to determine who will be served.

Kevin Jones discussed how to electronically collect data, what data to collect and sharing it with an automated system. Data generated will be based on what is put in by the county intermixed with what Aaron Garner does to ensure accuracy. Program will eliminate need to generate reports by hand.